

## Joint Enabling Capabilities

Part of U.S. Joint Forces Command's (USJFCOM) mission involves developing and integrating capabilities to meet the needs of the joint force.

The goal is to sustain the operational readiness and rapid availability of USJFCOM's joint enabling capabilities and immediately provide combatant commanders and joint task force (JTF) headquarters with the capabilities they need to successfully achieve objectives.

USJFCOM provides joint force commanders with deployable support teams capable of:

- Understanding the operational environment
- Planning fully integrated joint operations
- Coordinating unified actions with appropriate mission partners
- Preparing appropriate implementing directives and orders for subordinate tactical formations
- Rapidly adjusting operational-level plans based on analysis and assessment

The command's support teams serve an important role in determining and documenting gaps in existing and planned service capabilities and recommending appropriate solutions, while also providing immediate support.

USJFCOM searches for opportunities to develop new joint enabling capabilities that can accelerate the establishment and immediate effectiveness of JTF headquarters and related joint organizations. The command also integrates its joint enabling capabilities into JTF headquarters training and exercises to increase proficiency for future operations and for potential changes to doctrine.

During 2006, several USJFCOM joint enabling capability organizations provided forward support to operational commanders and JTFs:

- Standing Joint Force Headquarters (Core Element) deployed nine times to assist joint task force commanders establish new headquarters
- Joint Transformation Command – Intelligence successfully coordinated the efforts of joint and service training teams in the rapid development, delivery, and assessment of timely intelligence training to hundreds of personnel assigned to Multi-National Forces-Iraq, Multi-National Coalition-Iraq, and those preparing to deploy to Iraq
- Joint Public Affairs Support Element rapidly deployed media and communication professionals in support of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita, Pakistan earthquake relief operations, and American citizen evacuation of Lebanon
- Joint Communications Support Element deployed numerous times to provide joint task force and joint special operations task force command, control, communications and computer support for commanders around the world